

## Message Text

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R 071445Z APR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5640  
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, CY, TU, US  
SUBJECT: NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

REF: NICOSIA 0898 (DTG 020610Z APR 77)

1. EMBOFF MET WITH GOC DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) ON  
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APRIL 6 TO REVIEW SITUATION IN NORTHERN NICOSIA FIR. DCA  
SAID ABOUT 30-35 NON-TURKISH AIRCRAFT PER DAY ARE CONTACTING  
ERCAN AND THAT ALASIA CROSSROADS ESPECIALLY REMAINS  
"POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION." DCA MENTIONED ADDITIONAL  
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. PANAM, AIR FRANCE, BRITISH AIRWAYS, LUFTHANSA,

SAUDIA ARE NO LONGER FLYING THROUGH NORTHERN NICOSIA FIR, AND  
APPEAR TO HAVE RE-ROUTED ALL FLIGHTS.

B. WHILE NICOSIA CANNOT PICK UP ANKARA ACC TRANSMISSIONS, IT  
APPEARS TO NICOSIA FROM MONITOR OF AIRCRAFT RADIOS THAT  
ANKARA ACC IS DIRECTING TRAFFIC COMING FROM OR THROUGH TURKEY  
TO CONTACT ERCAN.

C. AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER TURKEY (NOT STOPPING IN  
TURKEY) IGNORE COMPLETELY ANKARA ACC INSTRUCTION TO CONTACT  
ERCAN. DCA BELIEVES AEROFLOT IS ONLY AIRLINE FLYING OVER  
TURKEY WHICH IGNORES ANKARA INSTRUCTIONS.

D. NUMEROUS CIVIL AIRCRAFT FLYING THROUGH NORTHERN NICOSIA  
FIR CALL BOTH ERCAN AND NICOSIA. WHERE AIRCRAFT ARE COMING FROM  
TURKEY, AIRCRAFT USUALLY CALL ERCAN FIRST AND THEN ALSO CONTACT  
NICOSIA. DCA POINTED OUT THAT SOMETIMES AIRCRAFT CALL NICOSIA  
AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES HAVE PASSED FROM TIME THEY CONTACTED ERCAN;  
THIS DELAY CAN CAUSE POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS.

2. EMBOFF ASKED DCA FOR LIST OF AIRLINES FLYING THROUGH NORTHERN  
NICOSIA FIR WHICH CONTACT ERCAN. DCA POINTED OUT THAT IATA  
RECENTLY ISSUED NOTICE THAT MEMBER AIRLINES SHOULD ONLY MONITOR  
RPT MONITOR ERCAN. DESPITE IATA NOTICE, IT APPEARS MOST AIRLINES  
FLYING THROUGH AREA "PLAY IT SAFE" AND CONTACT BOTH ERCAN AND  
NICOSIA. DCA HAS PROMISED SHORTLY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH OTHER  
DATA AND INFORMATION AIRCRAFT PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN NICOSIA  
FIR.

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3. DCA ALSO MENTIONED GOC HAS MONITORED FOUR FURTHER  
INSTANCES OF USAF AIRCRAFT CONTACTING ERCAN. NICOSIA DAO  
SENDING SEPTTEL THIS SUBJECT.  
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